GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3758
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OUTSTANDING ELECTRICITY BILL
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of electricity bills of the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Boardoutstanding against the Union Government and its undertakings-Railways Traction, Cement Corporation of India, National Textile Corporation, BALCO, Nepa Mill; and

(b) whether keeping in view the power crisis in Madhya Pradesh, the UnionGovernment would issue directives to its undertakings to pay the electricity bills of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : According to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB), the amount oelectricity bills outstanding of MPEB against the Union Government and its undertakings are as under :-

Arrears as on 31.1.2001 (Amount in Rs.)

(i) Railway traction	227.40
(ii) Cement Corporation of India	237.94
(iii) National Textile Corporation	42.64
(iv) BALCO	4.17
(v) NEPA Mills	15.11
(vi) Others (Coal mines, Bhilai Steel Plants etc.)	257.86
Total :	785.12

(b) : It was inter alia resolved in the conference of the Chief Ministers/Power Ministersheld on 3rd March, 2001 that an Expert Group be set up to recommend one time settlement of all power sector past dues to CPSUs and dues from CPSUs to State PowerUtilities. The Ministry of Power has constituted the Expert Group on 5.3.2001.